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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Elizabeth M. Cole

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-6 in the reply filed on 6/22/05 is acknowledged.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 the structure of the claimed molded article is not clear, because it is not clear what is meant by the limitation "the fiber cloth is oriented along the surface of the polymer". Does this mean that the cloth is located at the surface and is not fully embedded in the polymer? Also, which surface is being referred? Also, it is not clear what is meant by fibers "oriented in a direction crossing with the fiber cloth". Does this refer to fibers which are in the same plane as the cloth or does it refer to fibers which are perpendicular to the cloth in a different plane? In claim 2, it is not clear what is meant by "the fibers are oriented in a direction substantially perpendicular to each of the fiber cloth". As set forth above, it is not clear how the fibers are oriented relative to the cloth.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2002212310 A, abstract and machine translation attached. JP '310 discloses a molded article comprising a polymeric material which may be reinforced with a fabric,

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(paragraph 0056) and which further comprises short fibers which may be oriented in a single direction by the application of a magnetic field, (paragraph 0017). The fibers have a length of 10 mm or less and the claimed anisotropic diamagnetic susceptibility, (paragraphs 0017 and 0018). The fibers may comprise organic fibers, (paragraph 0017). JP '310 differs from the claimed invention because it does not clearly state that the fibers are oriented in a direction crossing the fabric, however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have chosen the direction of orientation of the fibers so that they provided optimum reinforcement to the molded article.

5. A translation of JP '310 has been ordered and will be included with the next office action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent No. 5,638,870; US Patent Application Publication 2002/0090501; U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0158332.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth M. Cole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1475. The examiner may be reached between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, and 6:30 AM and 2 PM on Thursday.

Mr. Terrel Morris, the examiner's supervisor, may be reached at (571) 272-1478.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth M. Cole".

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